

REMARKS

Pending Claims:

The Applicant has filed additional claims to address the rejections presented by the Examiner. As set forth in the new claims the device calls for an ablation catheter with an interior lumen for receiving the stylet as discussed in the specification. The purpose of the stylet is to permit manipulation of the catheter to conform to the complicated surface of the atrium in the pericardial region.

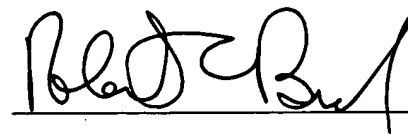
The Applicant is in general agreement that the level of skill in the ablation catheter arena is high and that not every detail of construction need be "spelled out." However, the maze procedure in itself is quite demanding in the sense that the cardiac tissues are thin and surrounded by large diameter vessels. This makes placement of catheters on the exterior surface of the heart both difficult and dangerous. The ability to manipulate the stiffness of the device has been found to be very useful in presenting and creating lesions, which are well suited to the maze procedure.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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